

might be pushed; and the accounts of the manner in which the final walk was performed show the spirit in which the stipulations of a treaty, made in the days of the just, moderate and conscientious founder of Pennsylvania, were carried out by the agents of his successors.

Mr. Justice called the attention of the Society to several printed papers recently found among the "Franklin Manuscripts," one of which showed the antiquity of the bent-timber felloe for wheels; another contained the announcement of a new metallic alloy called "argiroides;" and the third exhibited the circular mode of barometric record, similar to that used by Mr. Luke Howard.

The original commission of Benjamin Franklin, as colonel of a regiment of militia, also found among the Franklin papers, was laid upon the table by Mr. Trego, for the inspection of members. The document is dated 24th February, 1756.

Pending nominations, Nos. 232 and 233, were read.

Stated Meeting, February 15.

Present, twelve members.

DR. PATTERSON, President, in the Chair.

A letter was read:—

From the Librarian of Amherst College, dated Amherst College, 7th February, 1850, acknowledging the receipt of a series of the "Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society," from the beginning, presented to the College by this Society, and returning thanks for the donation.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Quarterly Journal of the Chemical Society of London. No. VIII.

Jan. 1, 1850. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Annual Report of the Trustees of the State Library of the State of New York: made to the Legislature, Jan. 15, 1850. Albany.

8vo.—*From the Trustees of the New York State Library.*

- Journal of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. New Series. Vol. I. Part 4. Philadelphia, 1850. 4to.—*From the Academy.*
- The African Repository and Colonial Journal. Vol. XXVI. No. 2. February, 1850. Washington. 8vo.—*From the American Colonization Society.*
- Three Lectures preliminary to a Course on the Principles and Practice of Surgery, delivered on the 4th, 8th and 9th of October, 1849, before the Medical Class of the University of Pennsylvania. By William Gibson, M.D., L.L.D., Professor of Surgery, &c. Philadelphia. 1850. 8vo.—*From the Author.*
- An Obituary Notice of Thomas T. Hewson, M.D. late President of the Philadelphia College of Physicians. By Franklin Bache, M.D. Read before the College, Nov. 6, 1849, and published by its direction. Philadelphia, 1850. 8vo.—*From the Author.*
- Introductory Lecture to the Course of Chemistry delivered in Jefferson Medical College, Oct. 16, 1849. By Franklin Bache, M.D. Published by order of the Class. Philadelphia, 1849. 8vo.—*From the same.*
- The Medical News and Library. Vol. VIII. No. 86. February, 1850. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Lea & Blanchard.*
- Contributions to Conchology. No. 4. By Prof. C. B. Adams. Amherst, Mass. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

Professor Frazer brought to the attention of the Society, a recent experiment of M. Verdet, of France, by which he has experimentally shown the truth of Prof. Henry's explanation of the secondary inductive electric current; also an experiment of Mr. Fizeau, by which the velocity of light may be experimentally determined.

Mr. Justice inquired concerning the explanation of the lateral shock, which gave rise to a discussion, in which Mr. Justice, Mr. Trego, Dr. Elwyn, and Prof. Frazer participated.

The minutes of the last meeting of the officers and council, were read.

Pending nominations, Nos. 232 and 233, and new nominations, 234, 235, 236 and 237, were read.